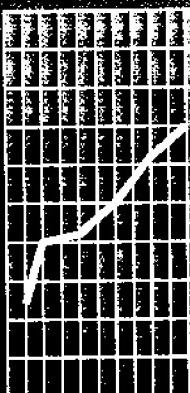




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Analysis of Table 1.1

The mean population for 1994-95 increased by 27,700 over the previous year. This compares with an increase of 21,100 between 1992-93 and 1993-94.

The mean population for the 1994 calendar year increased by 25,300. This figure was higher than the 1993 increase of 19,200.

In the June quarter 1995, Western Australia's population grew by 7,500 persons to 1,731,700. This was an increase of 30,600 persons since the 1994 June quarter.

1.1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Mean Population
	Males	Females	Persons ¹	
'000				
Financial years				
1992-93	842.4	833.9	1 676.3	1 667.4
1993-94p	854.6	846.4	1 701.1	1 688.5
1994-95p	869.7	862.0	1 731.7	1 716.2
Calendar years				
1992	837.7	829.1	1 666.7	1 657.9
1993	847.9	839.5	1 687.4	1 677.1
1994 p	861.1	853.3	1 714.4	1 702.4
Quarters				
Mar 94	851.7	843.5	1 695.3	..
Jun 94	854.6	846.4	1 701.1	..
Sep 94 p	858.5	850.5	1 709.0	..
Dec 94 p	861.1	853.3	1 714.4	..
Mar 95 p	866.1	858.2	1 724.2	..
Jun 95 p	869.7	862.0	1 731.7	..

¹ All estimates have been finalised using 1991 Census results
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.2

In the June quarter 1995 the total increase in population was 7,500. The total increase for the 1994-95 year of 30,700 is higher than for any financial year since 1989-90. Between March and June 1995 quarters, all three components of population change decreased.

There was no change in the natural increase between 1993 and 1994. However, net estimated overseas migration jumped from 5,500 in 1993 to 8,100 in 1994, and net estimated interstate migration increased from 600 to 4,500 persons.

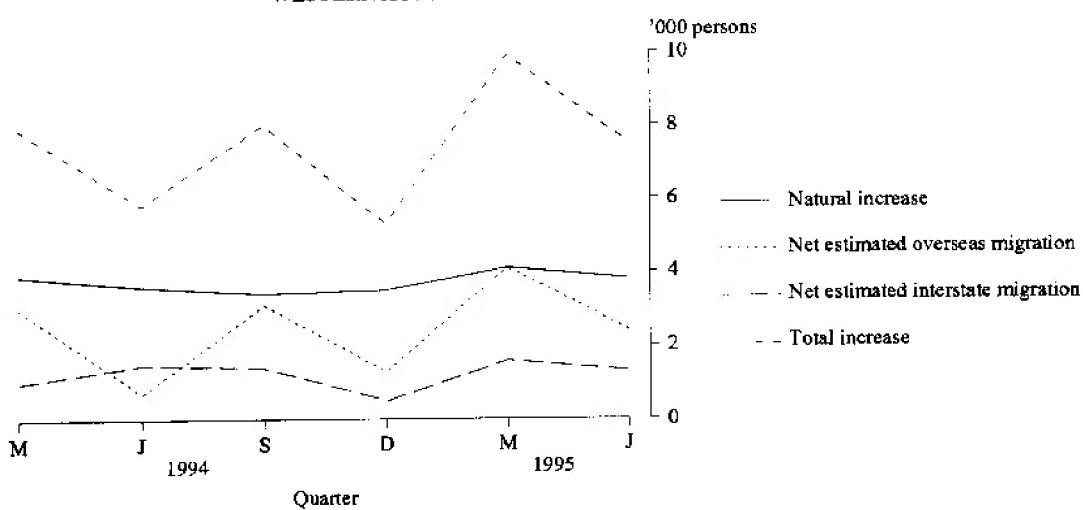
1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration ¹	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
(000)				
Financial years				
1992-93	14.7	4.6	-0.3	19.0
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95 p	14.8	11.0	4.9	30.7
Calendar years				
1992	14.9	5.7	-0.8	19.8
1993	14.4	5.5	0.6	20.5
1994 p	14.4	8.1	4.5	26.9
Quarters				
Mar 94	3.9	3.0	1.0	7.9
Jun 94	3.6	0.7	1.5	5.8
Sep 94 p	3.4	3.1	1.4	8.0
Dec 94 p	3.5	1.3	0.5	5.3
Mar 95 p	4.1	4.1	1.6	9.9
Jun 95 p	3.8	2.4	1.3	7.5

¹ Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Analysis of Table 1.3

There was a rise of 284 deaths in June quarter 1995 from March quarter 1995. However, the number of marriages dropped sharply by 880 from March quarter 1995, repeating the pattern that occurred in 1994. The number of live births, infant deaths and divorces in June quarter 1995 were similar to the previous quarter.

1.3 REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births	Infant deaths	Total deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial years					
1992-93	25 080	147	9 998	10 214	4 385
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95 p	25 018	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
Calendar years					
1992	25 051	171	9 902	10 118	4 540
1993	25 079	143	10 318	10 382	4 654
1994 r	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
Quarters					
Mar 94	6 421	31	2 427	3 113	1 050
Jun 94	6 446	39	2 519	2 486	1 283
Sep 94	6 257	38	2 812	1 462	1 333
Dec 94 p	6 000	29	2 537	3 305	1 358
Mar 95 p	6 412	37	2 314	3 247	1 081
Jun 95 p	6 349	33	2 598	2 367	1 158

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

Analysis of Table 1.4

Rates for marriages in June quarter 1995 dropped sharply from March quarter 1995, reflecting the corresponding fall in the number of marriages.

The rates for live births and infant deaths dropped slightly in June quarter 1995 from March quarter 1995, but increased slightly for deaths.

The divorce rate for June quarter 1995 rose slightly but not as highly from the preceding quarter as it did in June quarter 1994.

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1.4 RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Live births ¹	Infant deaths ²	Total deaths ¹	Marriages ¹	Divorces ¹
Financial years					
1992-93	15.04	5.86	5.99	6.13	2.63
1993-94	14.99	5.85	6.23	6.11	2.92
1994-95 p	14.58	5.48	5.98	6.05	2.87
Calendar years					
1992	15.11	6.83	5.97	6.10	2.74
1993	14.95	5.70	6.15	6.19	2.78
1994 p	14.76	5.45	6.05	6.09	2.95
Quarters					
Mar 94	15.19	4.83	5.74	7.36	2.48
Jun 94	15.18	6.05	5.93	5.86	3.02
Sep 94	14.68	6.07	6.60	3.43	3.13
Dec 94	14.02	4.83	5.93	7.72	3.17
Mar 95 p	14.92	5.77	5.38	7.55	2.51
Jun 95 p	14.70	5.20	6.01	5.48	2.68

¹ For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population. For quarters, the mean is averaged between the previous and current quarterly population.

² Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

2.1 PERMANENT AND LONG TERM ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Analysis of Table 2.1

In September quarter 1995 there were 7,420 long term and permanent arrivals, an increase of 12% compared with September quarter 1994. Long term and permanent departures increased 10% compared with the same period in 1994.

There were 2,800 permanent settler arrivals to Western Australia in September quarter 1995. This is an increase of 390 arrivals or 16% compared with the same quarter last year. This follows on a 27% increase for June quarter 1995 compared with June quarter 1994.

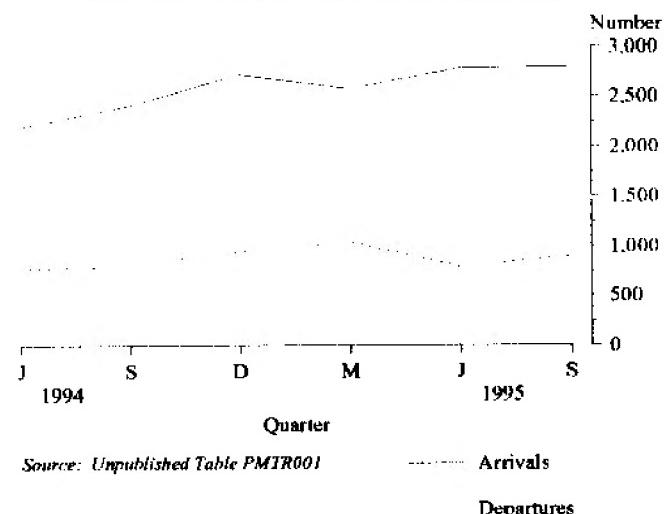
The number of long term overseas visitor arrivals (visitors who intend to stay for longer than 12 months) for September quarter 1995 increased by 1,330 or 101% from the previous quarter. This repeated the pattern of growth for the same quarters in 1994.

The total of 7,420 permanent and long term arrivals in September quarter 1995 exceeded departures by 3,630 or 96%.

Period	Permanent movement	LONG TERM MOVEMENT			
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Total movement	
ARRIVALS					
Financial years					
1992-93	7 930	8 260	6 090	22 280	
1993-94	7 740	8 900	7 430	24 070	
1994-95	10 380	9 070	8 470	27 920	
Quarters					
Jun 94	2 190	1 700	1 150	5 040	
Sep 94	2 410	2 120	2 080	6 610	
Dec 94	2 720	2 950	1 160	6 830	
Mar 95	2 570	2 210	3 910	8 700	
Jun 95	2 780	1 790	1 310	5 880	
Sep 95	2 800	1 980	2 640	7 420	
DEPARTURES					
Financial years					
1992-93	3 410	7 180	3 680	14 260	
1993-94	3 430	7 340	4 140	14 900	
1994-95	3 580	7 560	4 710	15 860	
Quarters					
Jun 94	780	1 880	840	3 490	
Sep 94	800	1 750	880	3 430	
Dec 94	950	1 590	1 730	4 270	
Mar 95	1 040	2 390	1 070	4 500	
Jun 95	790	1 830	1 030	3 650	
Sep 95	900	1 760	1 130	3 790	

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001

PERMANENT SETTLER ARRIVALS AND PERMANENT DEPARTURES WESTERN AUSTRALIA : LAST SIX QUARTERS



Source: Unpublished Table PMTR001

Analysis of Table 2.2

Short term overseas visitor arrivals for September quarter 1995 increased by 400 or only 1% compared with the same quarter last year. This follows on a 13% increase for June quarter 1995 compared with June quarter 1994. There was a fall of only 200 (less than 1%) from June quarter 1995.

The number of Australian residents departing on short term overseas journeys in the September quarter 1995 increased by 12,200 or 17% from June quarter 1995. However, it also represented a fall of 1,400 or 2% from September quarter 1994.

December quarter 1994, which includes the Christmas holidays, had the highest number of arrivals and departures in the financial year.

2.2 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Period	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Total
ARRIVALS			
Financial years			
1992-93	261 600	234 000	495 600
1993-94	269 900	297 700	567 600
1994-95	289 200	339 700	628 900
Quarters			
Jun 94	59 100	65 800	124 800
Sep 94	82 300	73 600	155 900
Dec 94	72 300	106 200	178 500
Mar 95	75 900	85 600	161 500
Jun 95	58 700	74 200	132 900
Sep 95	83 500	74 000	157 500
DEPARTURES			
Financial years			
1992-93	269 800	232 500	502 300
1993-94	274 800	290 500	565 300
1994-95	292 300	343 600	635 900
Quarters			
Jun 94	69 800	76 900	146 600
Sep 94	84 200	71 600	155 800
Dec 94	76 900	92 800	169 700
Mar 95	60 500	96 900	157 400
Jun 95	70 600	82 200	152 800
Sep 95	82 800	72 000	154 800

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001

Analysis of Table 2.3

Short term overseas arrivals by air for September quarter 1995 (73,800) were up by only 300 or 0.4% compared with September 1994. There was a fall of 300 arrivals from June quarter 1995 with Singapore recording the biggest drop of 5,100 or 31%. The United Kingdom and Ireland recorded a drop of 1,700 or 15%.

The major source countries were Singapore (with 15%), the United Kingdom and Ireland, Indonesia and Japan with 13%, and New Zealand (9%).

During the September quarter 1995, 59% of all short term arrivals by air were from Asia.

2.3 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS BY AIR¹

Country of residence	Jun 1994	Sep 1994	Dec 1994	Mar 1995	Jun 1995	Sep 1995
(000)						
Asia						
Indonesia	7.4	8.9	13.1	12.3	9.9	9.9
Japan	5.2	8.4	7.4	7.9	5.2	9.4
Malaysia	7.0	6.9	7.9	7.4	7.9	6.2
Singapore	14.5	10.9	21.4	10.9	16.4	11.3
Thailand	3.3	2.5	2.5	1.6	3.1	2.1
Other Asia	3.6	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.9
Total Asia	41.0	42.1	56.1	44.8	46.8	43.7
Other						
Germany	1.6	2.3	4.4	3.3	1.9	2.3
New Zealand	5.8	7.5	6.9	4.7	5.2	6.9
U.K. and Ireland	9.7	10.0	21.0	18.9	11.1	9.4
U.S.A.	1.9	2.4	3.5	2.8	2.0	2.4
Other	5.6	9.2	14.1	11.0	7.1	9.1
Total Other	24.6	31.4	49.9	40.7	27.2	30.1
Total	66.7	73.5	106.0	85.5	74.1	73.8

¹ Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0031

Analysis of Table 2.4

In September quarter 1995 there were 73,800 short term overseas arrivals by air. Of these, 53% (39,000 persons) gave the reason for their journey as 'holiday', and a further 23% (17,200) said they were 'visiting friends or relatives'.

People on holiday were mainly from Singapore and Japan (19% each), Indonesia (16%), and Malaysia (9%). People visiting friends or relatives were predominantly from the United Kingdom and Ireland (28%), New Zealand (20%), Singapore (10%) and Malaysia (7%).

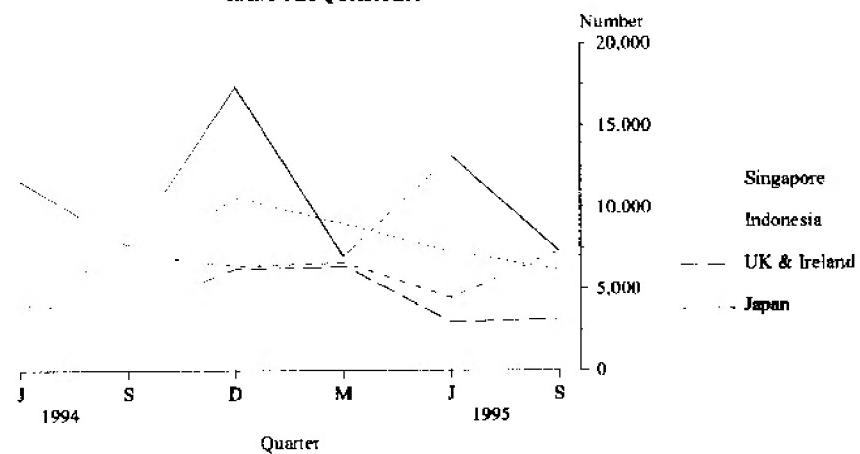
2.4 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS BY AIR : PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1995

Country of residence	Convention/ business ¹	Visiting friends/ relatives	Holiday	Employment and education	Other and not stated	Total this quarter
(000)						
Asia						
Indonesia	0.9	0.8	6.2	1.1	0.8	9.9
Japan	1.2	0.5	7.3	0.2	0.2	9.4
Malaysia	0.6	1.2	3.7	0.6	0.1	6.2
Singapore	1.0	1.7	7.3	1.0	0.3	11.3
Thailand	0.4	0.1	1.3	0.2	0.1	2.1
Other Asia	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.4	4.9
Total Asia	5.3	5.5	27.3	3.7	1.8	43.7
Other						
Germany	0.3	0.2	1.7	0.1	—	2.3
New Zealand	0.4	3.5	2.5	0.2	0.3	6.9
U.K. and Ireland	1.0	4.9	3.2	0.2	0.2	9.4
U.S.A.	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.4
Other	1.8	2.5	3.8	0.4	0.7	9.1
Total Other	4.3	11.7	11.7	1.0	1.4	30.1
Total	9.6	17.2	39.0	4.8	3.3	73.8

¹ From September 1994 includes convention, conference and business.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0031

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS BY AIR: FOR HOLIDAYS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA LAST SIX QUARTERS



Source: Unpublished Table: PMTR0031

Analysis of Table 2.5

In September quarter 1995 there were 82,600 short term resident departures by air, a fall of 1,500 or 2% from September quarter 1994.

Of residents departing overseas, 24% were destined for Indonesia and another 16% were headed for the United Kingdom and Ireland. Other common destinations were Singapore (9%), Malaysia (8%) and the United States of America, New Zealand and Thailand with 7%.

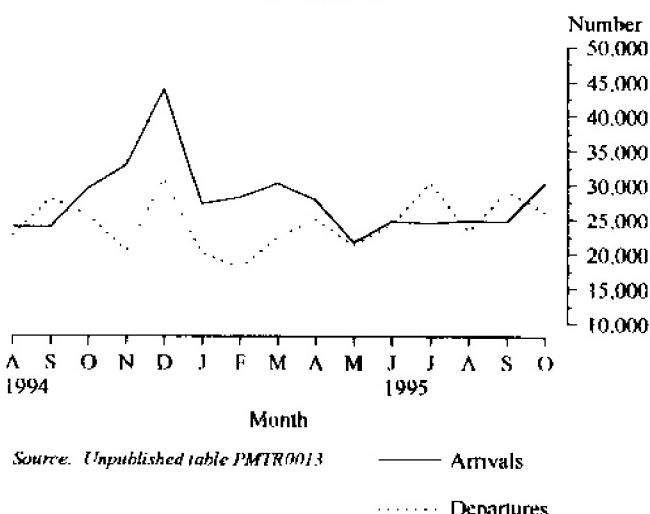
2.5 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS RESIDENT DEPARTURES BY AIR

Country departing to	Jun 1994	Sep 1994	Dec 1994	Mar 1995	Jun 1995	Sep 1995
('000)						
Asia						
Hong Kong	2.6	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.4
Indonesia ¹	14.4	21.0	19.4	14.0	13.8	19.8
Japan	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4
Malaysia	5.4	6.5	6.5	5.0	5.1	6.8
Singapore	5.6	7.7	6.9	6.0	5.2	7.5
Thailand	3.9	4.7	4.1	3.2	3.5	5.9
Other Asia	3.8	3.8	5.9	4.9	4.2	4.3
Total Asia	36.5	47.8	46.3	36.3	35.1	47.0
Other						
Germany	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.4
Italy	1.4	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.2	1.3
New Zealand	3.8	6.5	7.6	7.3	4.4	6.0
U.K. and Ireland	12.7	13.3	8.1	6.2	13.2	13.4
U.S.A.	5.0	4.9	4.8	3.4	5.5	5.6
Other	9.4	9.2	8.4	5.8	10.4	9.0
Total Other	33.2	36.2	30.4	24.0	35.4	35.7
Total	69.7	84.1	76.8	60.3	70.6	82.6

¹ Includes Bali.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0031.

**TOTAL SHORT TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS
AND DEPARTURES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS
BY MONTH**



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013

— Arrivals

····· Departures

Analysis of Table 2.6

The main reasons given for short term resident departures by air in September quarter 1995 were 'holiday' (58%), 'visiting friends or relatives' (19%), and attending 'convention or conference' or 'on business' (15%).

The most popular destinations for residents departing on holiday were Indonesia (34%), and the United Kingdom and Ireland (13%).

Of those residents departing to visit friends or relatives overseas, 33% went to the United Kingdom and Ireland and a further 11% went to New Zealand.

2.6 SHORT TERM OVERSEAS RESIDENT DEPARTURES BY AIR: PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1995

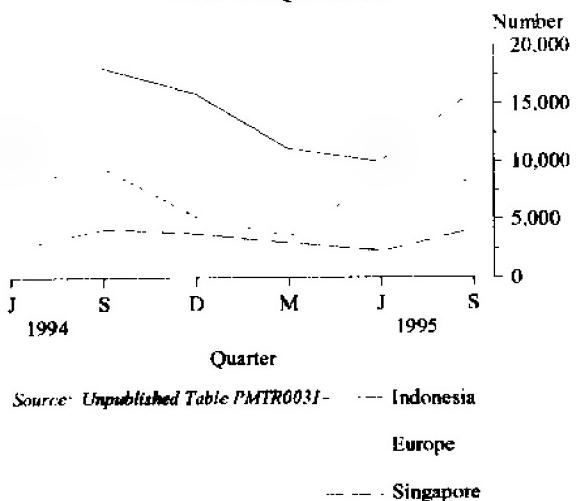
Country of residence	Convention/ business ¹	Visiting friends/ relatives	Holiday	Employment and education	Other and not stated	Total this quarter
Asia						
Hong Kong	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.2	—	2.4
Indonesia ²	1.8	0.6	16.0	1.0	0.3	19.8
Japan	0.1	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.4
Malaysia	1.5	1.2	3.4	0.4	0.2	6.8
Singapore	1.6	1.0	4.2	0.5	0.2	7.5
Thailand	0.4	0.2	5.1	0.1	0.2	5.9
Other Asia	1.6	1.1	1.3	0.2	0.1	4.3
Total Asia	7.5	4.7	31.3	2.5	1.1	47.0
Other						
Germany	—	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	0.4
Italy	0.3	0.5	0.4	—	—	1.3
New Zealand	0.8	1.7	2.7	0.3	0.4	6.0
U.K. and Ireland	1.0	5.0	6.3	0.8	0.3	13.4
U.S.A.	1.2	1.0	3.0	0.3	0.1	5.6
Other	1.9	2.2	3.7	0.9	0.2	9.0
Total Other	5.2	10.7	16.3	2.4	1.1	35.7
Total	12.7	15.3	47.6	4.8	2.2	82.6

¹ From September 1994 includes convention, conference and business

² Includes Bali

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0031

**SHORT TERM OVERSEAS RESIDENT DEPARTURES BY AIR:
PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY
LAST SIX QUARTERS**



2.7 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses with facilities			Caravan parks		
	Guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial years						
1991-92	14 624 ¹	52	1 934.7	28 174 ¹	32	1 260
1992-93	14 577 ¹	53	1 965.2	28 308 ¹	38	1 194
1993-94	14 754 ¹	57	2 153.8	29 202 ¹	39	1 250
Months						
Jul 94		57	189		45	131
Aug 94		59	193		45	127
Sept 94	14 733	65	211	29 353	42	117
Oct 94		68	218		39	107
Nov 94		62	180		35	68
Dec 94	14 734	54	182	29 625	37	100
Jan 95		58	192		45	135
Feb 95		60	156		38	70
Mar 95	14 742	60	178	29 480	37	80
Apr 95		59	182		41	116
May 95		57	173		36	79
Jun 95	14 754	57	166	29 554	40	100
Jul 95		55	178		45	140
Aug 95		61	193		44	138
Sep 95	14 720	68	218	29 828	43	135
<i>Holiday Flats, Units, Houses</i>						
<i>Unit occupancy rates</i>						
Period	Guest Units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit lettings	Bed Spaces	Bed occupancy rates	Visitor Hostels Bed-nights sold
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial years						
1991-92	1 895 ¹	53	91	2 683 ¹	34	323
1992-93	1 993 ¹	52	86	3 112 ¹	36	386
1993-94	2 224 ¹	55	96	3 119 ¹	38	416
Months						
Jul 94		58	9		38	36
Aug 94		50	8		34	32
Sept 94	2 255	58	10	3 042	38	34
Oct 94		66	10		39	34
Nov 94		55	9		41	35
Dec 94	2 302	60	10	2 858	42	37
Jan 95		73	10		46	39
Feb 95		58	8		45	35
Mar 95	2 414	56	10	2 794	43	37
Apr 95		63	10		48	40
May 95		45	8		41	36
Jun 95	2 419	45	8	2 834	41	35
Jul 95		56	11		43	36
Aug 95		48	9		38	34
Sep 95	2 439	58	12	2 831	41	35

¹ Number at 30 June.

Reference: Tourism Accommodation, Western Australia (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5932

Analysis of Table 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.9 per cent in February 1996. The trend estimate of unemployment increased 0.1 percentage point.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 1,300 to 71,900, while the number of persons employed increased by 12,700 to 834,900.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for February 1996 increased by 1.0 percentage point to 66.7% and continues to be the highest of all states.

Seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised following the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors.

3.1 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Apr 95r	425.0	478.0	40.4	7.8	78.0
May 95r	425.9	476.3	38.1	7.4	77.2
Jun 95r	428.8	477.3	36.4	7.1	77.0
Jul 95r	430.5	478.7	34.7	6.8	76.8
Aug 95r	427.0	475.7	34.8	6.8	76.2
Sep 95r	430.8	478.0	37.1	7.2	76.8
Oct 95r	429.5	478.5	36.8	7.1	76.7
Nov 95r	429.6	479.6	37.4	7.2	76.8
Dec 95r	425.2	477.2	38.2	7.4	76.4
Jan 96r	424.9	476.0	40.9	7.9	76.5
Feb 96r	428.5	475.8	42.4	8.2	76.5
Females					
Apr 95r	196.5	356.7	25.1	6.6	56.9
May 95r	193.0	357.2	27.7	7.2	57.3
Jun 95r	187.2	351.7	28.8	7.6	56.5
Jul 95r	186.0	352.4	32.5	8.4	57.1
Aug 95r	192.7	355.4	27.7	7.2	56.7
Sep 95r	191.0	350.7	30.2	7.9	56.3
Oct 95r	187.8	351.5	29.1	7.6	56.1
Nov 95r	189.4	352.7	31.3	8.1	56.5
Dec 95r	185.2	349.9	29.6	7.8	55.8
Jan 96r	185.2	346.2	29.7	7.9	55.1
Feb 96r	194.3	359.1	29.6	7.6	56.9
Persons					
Apr 95r	621.6	834.8	65.5	7.3	67.4
May 95r	618.9	833.5	65.8	7.3	67.2
Jun 95r	616.0	829.0	65.2	7.3	66.7
Jul 95r	616.5	831.1	67.2	7.5	66.9
Aug 95r	619.7	831.2	62.6	7.0	66.4
Sep 95r	621.8	828.6	67.3	7.5	66.5
Oct 95r	617.4	830.0	65.9	7.4	66.3
Nov 95r	618.9	832.3	68.6	7.6	66.6
Dec 95r	610.5	827.1	67.8	7.6	66.0
Jan 96r	610.1	822.2	70.6	7.9	65.7
Feb 96r	622.8	834.9	71.9	7.9	66.7

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia (6202.0)

Analysis of Table 3.2

3.2 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): TREND SERIES

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Renae Gibson on (09) 360 5332.

Month	Employed full-time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
Males					
Apr 95	425.1	476.3	39.5	7.7	77.6
May 95	427.4	477.3	38.1	7.4	77.4
Jun 95	429.2	477.9	36.6	7.1	77.1
Jul 95 r	430.4	478.1	35.6	6.9	76.8
Aug 95 r	430.5	477.9	35.4	6.9	76.6
Sep 95 r	429.8	477.7	35.9	7.0	76.5
Oct 95 r	428.7	477.6	36.8	7.1	76.5
Nov 95 r	427.3	477.4	37.8	7.3	76.5
Dec 95 r	425.7	477.0	38.9	7.5	76.5
Jan 96	424.3	476.6	39.9	7.7	76.4
Females					
Apr 95	191.5	354.3	26.9	7.1	56.8
May 95	191.4	355.1	27.8	7.3	57.0
Jun 95	190.8	354.8	28.7	7.5	56.9
Jul 95 r	190.0	354.0	29.5	7.7	56.8
Aug 95 r	189.3	352.9	30.0	7.8	56.7
Sep 95 r	188.8	352.0	30.2	7.9	56.4
Oct 95 r	188.4	351.2	30.1	7.9	56.2
Nov 95 r	187.7	350.2	30.1	7.9	56.0
Dec 95 r	187.0	349.1	30.0	7.9	55.7
Jan 96	186.1	347.9	29.8	7.9	55.4
Persons					
Apr 95	616.5	830.6	66.4	7.4	67.1
May 95	618.8	832.4	65.9	7.3	67.1
Jun 95	620.0	832.7	65.3	7.3	67.0
Jul 95 r	620.4	832.1	65.1	7.3	66.8
Aug 95 r	619.8	830.8	65.4	7.3	66.6
Sep 95 r	618.7	829.7	66.0	7.4	66.4
Oct 95 r	617.1	828.8	66.9	7.5	66.3
Nov 95 r	615.0	827.6	67.9	7.6	66.2
Dec 95 r	612.7	826.2	68.9	7.7	66.0
Jan 96	610.4	824.5	69.7	7.8	65.9

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia (6202 0)

Analysis of Table 3.3

The total number of employees rose from 550,500 in March 1994 to 558,800 in March 1995. During this twelve month period, the public sector total number of employees rose by 3,600 to 157,600, and the private sector total number of employees showed an increase of 4,800 to 401,300.

3.3 NUMBER OF EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY INDUSTRY AND SECTOR

Particulars	Number of Employees				Gross earnings Mar quarter 1995
	Mar 1994	Sept 1994	Dec 1994	Mar 1995	
'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m	
INDUSTRY					
Mining	20.6	20.7	21.5	23.8	323.5
Manufacturing	58.5	59.7	57.0	56.7	449.9
Electricity, gas and water	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.0	69.1
Construction	28.3	26.0	26.3	28.0	246.6
Wholesale trade	39.9	38.9	38.1	40.0	301.0
Retail trade	78.8	81.8	82.5	80.9	334.9
Transport and storage	22.3	22.2	21.8	21.7	204.5
Communication	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.8	79.4
Finance, property and business	60.8	63.4	66.3	64.2	493.9
Public administration and defence	29.5	29.9	31.7	30.1	226.5
Community services	144.9	149.1	151.1	152.3	970.9
Recreation, personal and other services	48.4	42.3	44.1	42.8	193.9
Total all industries¹	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2
SECTOR					
Private	396.5	398.9	398.8	401.3	2 692.4
Government					
Commonwealth	22.0	21.5	22.1	22.3	198.6
State	118.7	118.5	125.3	122.7	937.0
Local	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.6	78.3
Total Government	154.0	153.2	160.1	157.6	1 213.8
Total all sectors	550.5	552.2	558.8	558.8	3 906.2

Particulars	FEBRUARY 1994			FEBRUARY 1995		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
INDUSTRY						
Mining	18.4	2.9	21.3	20.6	3.4	24.0
Manufacturing	46.2	13.7	59.9	44.0	13.2	57.2
Electricity, gas and water	7.8	0.9	8.8	7.0	1.0	8.0
Construction	22.9	5.6	28.5	23.1	4.1	27.2
Wholesale trade	28.1	11.7	39.8	27.5	12.9	40.4
Retail trade	33.0	44.1	77.1	33.4	46.5	80.0
Transport and storage	17.9	4.4	22.3	16.1	5.6	21.7
Communication	5.8	2.4	8.3	6.0	2.7	8.8
Finance, property and business	28.6	32.7	61.2	29.4	34.3	63.7
Public administration and defence	17.9	11.6	29.5	17.7	12.4	30.1
Community services	49.3	92.6	141.9	43.8	101.2	145.0
Recreation, personal and other services	19.7	26.6	46.3	18.1	24.9	43.0
Total all Industries¹	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5
SECTOR						
Private	218.2	175.5	393.8	211.8	187.8	399.6
Government						
Commonwealth	13.8	9.0	22.8	13.1	9.1	22.2
State	56.4	60.2	116.6	55.3	61.0	116.2
Local	8.4	4.8	13.3	7.8	4.7	12.5
Total Government	78.6	74.1	152.7	76.1	74.8	150.9
Total all sectors	296.9	249.7	546.5	287.9	262.6	550.5

¹ Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Reference: Employed Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

Analysis of Table 3.4

Over the past twelve months to November 1995, Western Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons increased by 5.4% compared with 4.7% for Australia.

Western Australian average weekly total earnings for full-time adult persons in November 1995 were \$713.10, while the comparable Australian average earnings in November 1995 were \$702.90.

3.4 AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Reference period	MALES		
	Full Time Adults Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	All Males Total earnings
(dollars)			
19 Aug 94	682.30	734.70	643.80
18 Nov 94	692.40	758.00	663.70
17 Feb 95	695.50	758.60	655.20
19 May 95	701.80	764.20	656.60
18 Aug 95	716.80	776.20	677.00
17 Nov 95	730.00	792.20	682.70
FEMALES			
Reference period	Full Time Adults		
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	All Females Total earnings
(dollars)			
19 Aug 94	515.10	528.10	381.80
18 Nov 94	523.70	538.40	398.50
17 Feb 95	536.90	553.60	405.20
19 May 95	541.80	557.40	403.90
18 Aug 95	555.90	568.70	401.30
17 Nov 95	560.80	574.40	406.50
PERSONS			
Reference period	Full Time Adults		
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	All employees Total earnings
(dollars)			
19 Aug 94	619.30	656.90	516.20
18 Nov 94	630.10	676.90	538.80
17 Feb 95	637.50	683.60	537.10
19 May 95	645.80	691.90	539.90
18 Aug 95	660.00	702.90	544.40
17 Nov 95	668.50	713.10	548.40

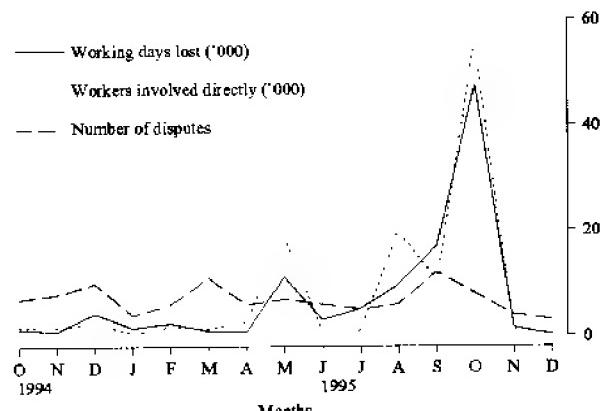
Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, (6302.0)

3.5 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Period	Number of disputes	Workers involved		Total	Working days lost
		Directly	Indirectly		
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar year					
1992	134	28.6	0.2	28.8	53.6
1993	111	27.4	0.2	27.6	29.5
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
Months					
Oct 94	7	1.7	—	1.7	1.4
Nov 94	8	1.8	—	1.8	1.0
Dec 94	10	2.4	0.1	2.5	4.4
Jan 95	4	0.6	—	0.6	1.6
Feb 95	6	1.9	—	1.9	2.5
Mar 95	11	1.4	—	1.4	1.0
Apr 95	6	2.8	—	2.8	0.8
May 95	7	18.8	—	18.8	11.2
Jun 95	6	0.8	—	0.8	3.1
Jul 95	5	1.1	—	1.1	5.1
Aug 95	6	19.8	—	19.8	9.7
Sep 95	12	10.4	—	10.4	17.0
Oct 95	8	55.5	—	55.5	47.6
Nov 95	4	1.2	—	1.2	1.6
Dec 95	3	0.4	—	0.4	0.2

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES



Source: Unpublished ABS data

Analysis of Table 4.1

Data in this table have been revised and now show data from the redesigned retail Business Survey. see Information Paper (8511.0) issued on 1 December 1991 or Retail Trade Australia (8501.0) for more detail on the survey redesign.

Estimated turnover of Western Australian retail establishments during January 1996 was \$1 034.3 million (at current prices), a decrease of 24.4% over the previous month. The trend estimates show an increase of 0.6% over the previous month.

From January 1995 to January 1996, trend estimates indicate a national annual growth rate of 8.3%. The annual growth rate for Western Australia for the same period was 10.3%.

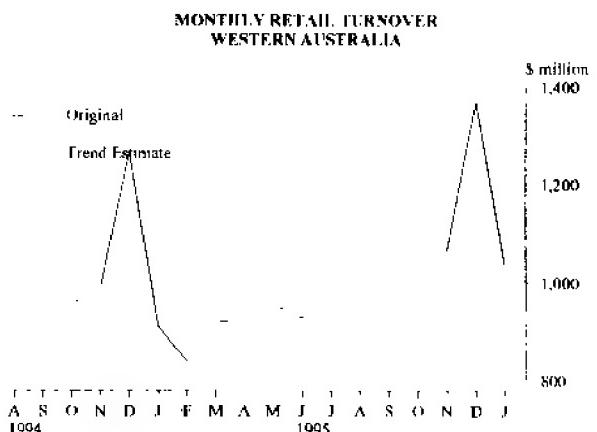
The national trend estimates show increases of 0.5%, 0.5% and 0.4% for the months of November and December 1995 and January 1996. For the same three months, Western Australia recorded increases of 0.8%, 0.8% and 0.6% respectively.

4.1 MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER : ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

Months	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods stores	Other Household goods	Recreational goods
Jan 95	398.9	76.3	55.8	106.4	48.9
Feb 95	381.2	68.5	48.6	93.2	41.0
Mar 95	418.6	76.2	54.5	101.9	44.4
Apr 95	404.9	91.9	58.7	96.6	45.2
May 95	407.6	99.7	67.8	111.7	46.5
Jun 95	403.5	91.5	63.6	111.3	43.6
Jul 95	414.4	85.9	60.9	106.3	53.0
Aug 95	431.2	89.0	59.1	105.2	53.1
Sep 95	430.0	84.7	61.1	109.4	52.5
Oct 95	436.2	93.2	64.3	122.3	54.2
Nov 95	452.7	107.4	66.5	129.8	58.9
Dec 95	532.9	182.0	86.3	163.4	88.6
Jan 96	458.9	83.3	59.3	110.0	55.4

Months	Other	Hospitality and services	Totals		
			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
Jan 95	68.0	156.6	910.9	952.4	949.6
Feb 95	63.1	144.2	839.8	945.7	948.8
Mar 95	69.0	157.4	922.0	949.2	950.6
Apr 95	66.4	155.4	919.1	953.1	956.1
May 95	73.4	149.2	955.9	966.1	965.8
Jun 95	65.3	149.4	928.2	974.2	978.5
Jul 95	70.6	167.9	959.0	984.8	991.8 r
Aug 95	77.4	163.6	978.6	1 026.8	1 004.3 r
Sep 95	79.9	169.9	987.5	1 006.7	1 015.0 r
Oct 95	79.3	174.7	1 024.2	1 034.0	1 024.2 r
Nov 95	80.7	170.4	1 066.4	1 015.6	1 032.8 r
Dec 95	123.0	191.2	1 367.4	1 041.8	1 040.7 r
Jan 96	93.7	173.7	1 034.3	1 058.7	1 047.3

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (89010)

Analysis of Table 4.2

The All Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) Perth increased by 0.6% between the September and December quarters 1995.

Major contributors to the change from the September quarter 1995 to the December quarter 1995 were tobacco and alcohol, holiday travel and accommodation in Australia, mortgage interest charges and hospital and medical services, automotive fuel, fresh fruit and vegetables, and motor vehicles

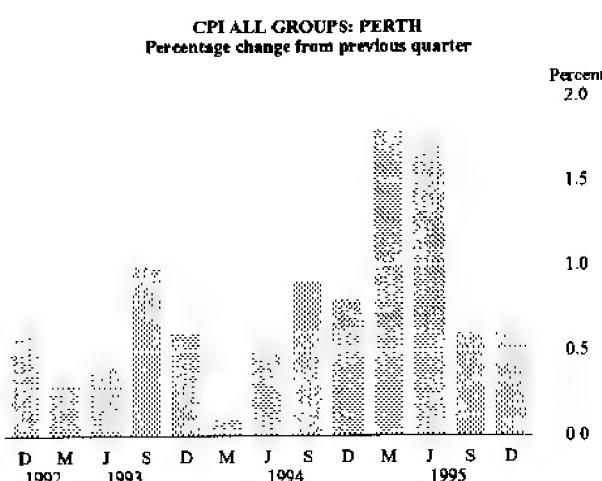
The increase in the CPI from December 1994 to December 1995 was 4.8%.

Contributing most to the annual increase were housing (up 9.8%); transportation (up 5.0%); food (up 3.9%); tobacco and alcohol (up 7.1%); health and personal care (up 6.9%) and recreation and education (up 4.0%).

4.2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: PERTH

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)					
1992-93	108.8	108.6	87.9	107.4	111.2
1993-94	110.0	108.2	87.3	108.2	114.4
1994-95	113.4	107.4	94.0	109.0	119.0
1994					
Jun qtr	109.9	108.5	87.8	107.9	116.0
Sep qtr	111.6	107.9	88.5	108.3	117.9
Dec qtr	111.4	107.4	91.8	109.0	117.2
1995					
Mar qtr	115.1	106.9	96.9	108.9	119.3
Jun qtr	115.7	107.5	99.0	110.0	121.4
Sep qtr	116.6	106.9	100.0	110.5	123.4
Dec qtr	115.8	107.3	100.8	110.9	123.1
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)					
Period	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	
1992-93	114.0	119.8	106.7	106.2	
1993-94	128.8	123.8	107.6	108.5	
1994-95	136.8	130.4	109.6	112.3	
1994					
Jun qtr	131.8	125.5	107.5	109.1	
Sep qtr	133.6	127.6	107.7	110.1	
Dec qtr	135.9	128.4	109.4	111.0	
1995					
Mar qtr	137.7	130.1	109.0	113.0	
Jun qtr	140.2	135.7	112.3	114.9	
Sep qtr	140.6	135.7	112.1	115.6	
Dec qtr	145.6	137.2	113.8	116.3	

Reference: Consumer Price Index (8401.0)



Analysis of Table 5.1

The number of houses approved in January 1996 increased by 1.0% when compared with December 1995 and decreased by 37.1% when compared with January 1995. The number of total dwelling units approved in January 1996 increased by 24.7% when compared with December 1995 and decreased by 19.2% when compared with January 1995.

The Building Approvals trend series for houses peaked at 1,670 in April 1994 and since that time has steadily declined to a level of 967 in January 1996.

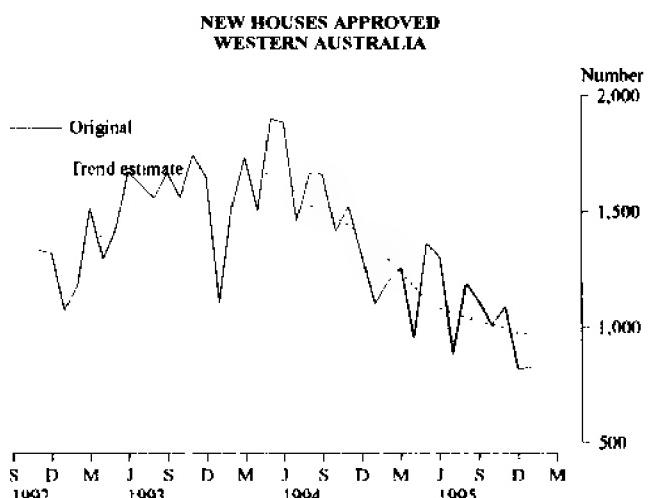
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5.1 NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

Period	Houses		Other Residential Buildings		Total ¹	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	Number	\$m	Number	\$m	Number	\$m
Financial years						
1992-93	16 485	1 173.7	5 994	345.7	22 568	1 519.4
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 778	1 964.7
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
Months						
Nov 94	1 522	129.0	602	40.4	2 149	169.3
Dec 94	1 314	110.1	526	33.3	1 856	143.4
Jan 95	1 100	90.6	431	26.8	1 535	116.4
Feb 95	1 195	102.0	383	26.8	1 586	129.0
Mar 95	1 258	111.0	496	39.0	1 761	150.4
Apr 95	952	81.7	222	16.1	1 180	97.9
May 95	1 367	115.2	426	35.7	1 794	151.0
Jun 95	1 301	109.0	491	35.3	1 795	144.3
Jul 95	883	77.8	316	23.1	1 203	100.9
Aug 95	1 189	104.8	399	30.6	1 596	135.4
Sep 95	1 111	99.2	293	22.9	1 410	122.1
Oct 95	1 008	96.6	253	20.4	1 265	117.0
Nov 95	1 087	99.1	286	22.7	1 378	121.8
Dec 95	819	79.5	170	12.9	995	92.4
Jan 96	827	82.5	410	33.2	1 241	115.7

¹ Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)



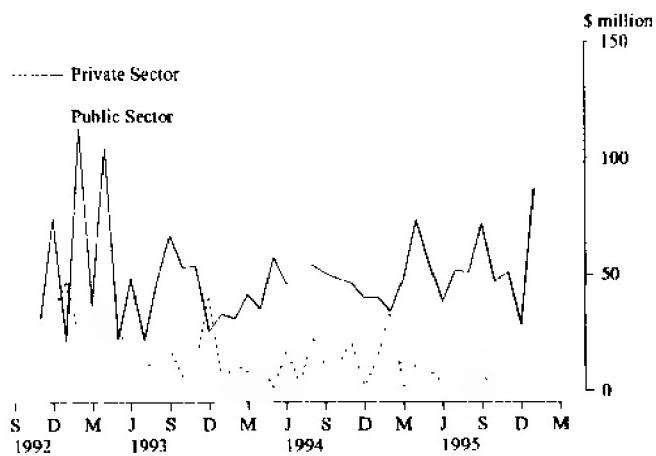
Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.2 NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

Period	Private	Public	Total
(\$ million)			
Financial years			
1992-93	591.3	298.3	889.6
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
Months			
Nov 94	46.4	21.6	68.0
Dec 94	39.9	2.1	42.0
Jan 95	40.5	14.3	54.8
Feb 95	34.2	34.1	68.0
Mar 95	48.2	1.9	50.1
Apr 95	73.6	12.2	85.8
May 95	54.7	8.6	63.3
Jun 95	38.5	3.1	41.6
Jul 95	51.9	3.2	55.1
Aug 95	51.0	2.2	53.2
Sep 95	72.2	6.8	79.0
Oct 95	47.1	1.4	48.5
Nov 95	51.2	3.4	54.7
Dec 95	28.7	14.2	42.9
Jan 96	86.9	21.3	108.2

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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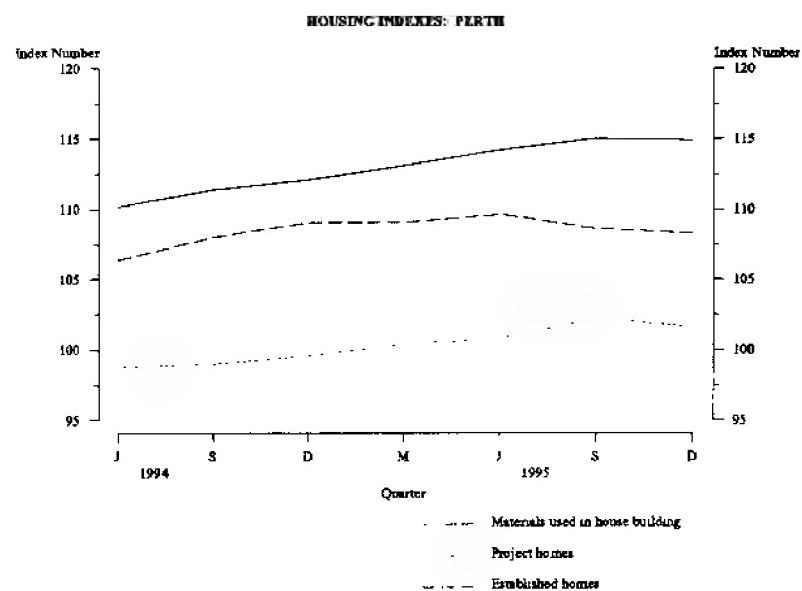


Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.3 SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

Period	Materials used in house building	Project homes	Established homes
(Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0)			
1992-93	106.9	92.8	98.4
1993-94	109.1	96.2	104.7
1994-95	112.7	100.0	109.0
1994			
Sep qtr	111.4	99.0	108.0
Dec qtr	112.1	100.0	109.1
1995			
Mar qtr	113.1	100.4	109.1
Jun qtr	114.2	100.8	109.7
Sep qtr	115.0	102.2	108.6
Dec qtr	114.9	101.6	108.3

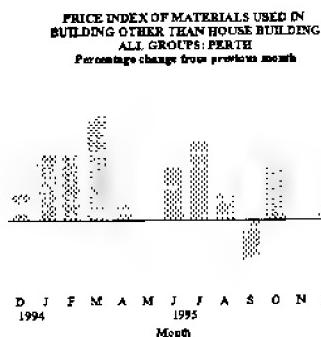
References: Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (6408.0); House Price Indexes, (6416.0)



5.4 PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: PERTH

Period	All groups	Special Combinations of Building Materials			
		Electrical materials	Mechanical services	Plumbing materials	
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)					
1992-93	105.7	105.7	103.7	103.7	
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1	
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4	
1994					
October	109.0	103.7	105.5	113.3	
November	109.3	105.2	105.7	116.1	
December	109.5	107.7	105.8	115.0	
1995					
January	110.0	109.1	106.1	115.3	
February	110.5	109.4	107.3	115.3	
March	111.4	109.4	108.5	115.5	
April	111.6	110.2	109.0	115.3	
May	111.6	110.2	108.9	116.8	
June	112.0	112.0	109.3	118.7	
July	112.7	112.6	109.9	120.4	
August	112.9	113.1	109.8	121.0	
September p	112.6	113.2	109.8	119.9	
October p	113.1	112.9	111.5	120.7	
November p	113.1	112.6	112.1	120.0	
December p	113.2	112.6	112.3	119.8	
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)					
Period		Selected Major Building Materials			
		Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	
PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING ALL GROUPS: PERTH Percentage change from previous month	'10				
(Base of each index 1989-90 = 100)					
1992-93	102.7	111.3	115.5	96.3	103.8
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1994					
October	111.7	117.8	118.3	103.4	108.8
November	111.8	117.8	117.8	103.4	109.4
December	109.7	117.8	117.3	103.4	109.4
1995					
January	109.8	117.8	117.3	103.7	112.3
February	109.7	117.8	117.2	103.7	112.3
March	109.7	117.8	117.5	103.7	118.2
April	109.8	117.8	117.5	103.7	118.2
May	110.0	120.2	115.9	103.8	118.2
June	109.9	120.2	116.0	103.8	118.2
July	109.9	120.2	116.0	105.7	118.2
August	109.7	120.2	117.8	106.0	118.2
September	109.7	120.2	115.0	105.9	118.2
October p	109.6	120.2	115.0	106.9	118.2
November p	109.8	120.2	114.6	107.3	118.2
December p	109.8	120.2	114.6	107.3	118.2

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (6407.0)



Analysis of Table 6.1

Although total cattle slaughterings for January 1996 were down compared with December 1995, slaughterings of cows and heifers showed a considerable increase compared with the previous 12 months.

6.1 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Period	Cattle							'000
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	
Financial years								
1992-93	272	180	452	5	3 752	1 481	568	
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550	
1994-95	244 r	186	430	4	2 438 r	1 264 r	604 r	
Months								
Dec 94	25 r	17 r	42 r	—	194 r	83 r	53 r	
Jan 95	20	17	37	—	220	91	43	
Feb 95	19	17	36	—	220 r	113 r	46	
Mar 95	23	17	41	—	242	117	53	
Apr 95	14	15	29	—	181 r	98	51	
May 95	18	15	33	—	199 r	96	56	
Jun 95	18	10	29	—	146 r	62	58	
Jul 95	17	12	29	—	145	54	53	
Aug 95	19	15	34	—	191	92	52	
Sep 95	17	18	35	—	162	150	51	
Oct 95	21 r	17 r	38 r	—	195	153	49 r	
Nov 95	28	16	44 r	—	234 r	127	48	
Dec 95	23	17	40	—	196	79	49	
Jan 96	19	19	38	—	195	75	40	

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2 MEAT PRODUCED

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	tonnes
						tonnes
Financial years						
1992-93	100 196	303	76 921	23 395	33 562	
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423	
1994-95	97 140 r	287 r	47 776 r	18 955 r	37 109 r	
Months						
Dec 94	9 562 r	23 r	3 814 r	1 218 r	2 992 r	
Jan 95	8 431 r	33	4 345 r	1 438 r	2 504 r	
Feb 95	8 267 r	22	4 320 r	1 831 r	2 717 r	
Mar 95	9 373	25	4 728 r	1 718 r	3 233	
Apr 95	6 498 r	17	3 484 r	1 484 r	3 379 r	
May 95	7 333 r	16	3 829 r	1 425 r	3 730 r	
Jun 95	6 182 r	14	2 794 r	867	3 839 r	
Jul 95	6 151 r	17	2 779 r	963 r	3 323 r	
Aug 95	7 515	19	3 822	1 609	3 227	
Sep 95	7 872	16	3 094	2 494	3 144	
Oct 95	9 292	16 r	3 875	2 438	3 013 r	
Nov 95	10 283 r	17 r	4 539 r	2 070 r	2 930 r	
Dec 95	9 066	17	3 926	1 200	3 103	
Jan 96	8 359	16	3 919	1 323	2 497	

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

Analysis of Table 6.2

The decrease in the overall production in meat is a direct reflection of the drop in animal slaughterings for January 1996. Lamb production showed an increase despite the decrease in numbers slaughtered due to a shift in carcass weight distribution.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Peter Hodgson on (09) 360 5180.

6.3 WOOL RECEIVALS¹ and LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

Period	Receipts of taxable wool by brokers and dealers		Export of live sheep		
	bales	tonnes	Number	Gross Value	Unit Value
Financial years			000	\$'000	\$
1992-93	1 115 307	198 756	3 681.0	89 079	24.20
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 520.9	127 448	28.19
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 780.7	125 101	33.09
Months					
Dec 94	18 307	5 522	284.9	9 517	33.40
Jan 95	59 841	10 640	376.4	12 608	33.49
Feb 95	84 274	15 167	345.2	11 816	34.23
Mar 95	90 219	16 114	336.7	11 016	32.72
Apr 95 r	53 151	9 478	496.7	17 622	35.49
May 95	39 129	6 883	282.1	10 428	36.97
Jun 95	30 142	5 333	179.3	6 855	38.22
Jul 95	53 823 r	9 632 r	515.6	21 397	41.50
Aug 95	125 250 r	22 416 r	418.9 r	17 363 r	41.45 r
Sep 95	110 916 r	196 756 r	415.7 r	16 628 r	40.01 r
Oct 95	118 670	21 125	277.6 r	10 238 r	36.88 r
Nov 95	87 159 r	15 531	281.9 r	9 918 r	35.17 r
Dec 95	38 394	6 788	341.6 r	13 677 r	40.04 r
Jan 96	n.y.a	n.y.a	354.2	13 921	39.30

¹ Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207

6.4 ENERGY PRODUCTION

Period	Coal ¹	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution ²	Crude oil ^{3,4}	Natural gas ⁴
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial years					
1991-92	5 491	14 626	149 534	7 350	10 496
1992-93	5 428	15 007	156 349	6 693	11 923
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
Months					
Jan 95	468	1 511	11 057		
Feb 95	503	1 387	12 900		
Mar 95	555	1 465	13 878	2 918	4 048
Apr 95	580	1 351	13 951		
May 95	518	1 423	14 466		
Jun 95	547	1 389	14 865	3 210	3 682
Jul 95	391	1 447	15 564		
Aug 95	368	1 455	15 474		
Sep 95	567	1 370	14 543	3 421	4 396
Oct 95	496	1 399	15 441		
Nov 95	455	1 394	14 709		
Dec 95	613	1 477	14 416	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Jan 96	505	n.y.a	n.y.a		

¹ Source: Department of Minerals and Energy.

² Available for issue through mains.

³ Includes condensate.

⁴ Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

6.5 MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

Analysis of Table 6.5

Overall mineral exploration expenditure for the September Quarter showed a return to normal levels of activity after the influence of the variations seen in the gold sector during the March and June Quarters.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Pam Prince on (09) 360 5207.

Period	Metallic Minerals			Non-Metallic Minerals		Total minerals
	Base metals ¹	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	
Financial years						
1992-93	60.0	221.2	35.0	29.0	2.9	348.1
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
Quarters						
Sep 94	13.0	94.3	5.5	14.0	0.7	127.5
Dec 94	14.5	97.4	4.9	9.4	0.3	126.4
Mar 95	17.2	79.5	3.4	5.1	0.6	106.3
June 95	14.1	108.2	4.0	5.8	0.6	136.3
Sep 95	16.6	90.4	4.5	9.7	2.4	124.9
Dec 95	n.y.a	n.y.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.y.a

¹ Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (B412.0)

6.6 MINERAL PRODUCTION

Period	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Manganese	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial years						
1992-93	112 259	26 681	179 615	1 706	64	42 199
1993-94	119 689	27 087	193 599	1 612	63 r	39 909
1994-95	132 743	26 852	187 579	1 470	94	43 591
Quarters						
Jun 94	31 324	6 719	49 665	403	16 r	8 279
Sep 94	32 781	6 706	47 095	410	19 r	12 864
Dec 94	32 958	6 761	47 789	368 r	23 r	11 292
Mar 95	32 265	6 657	45 395	344 r	25	10 111 r
Jun 95	34 739	6 729	47 300 r	348 r	27 r	9 324
Sep 95	36 459	7 451	49 100	405	25	9 104

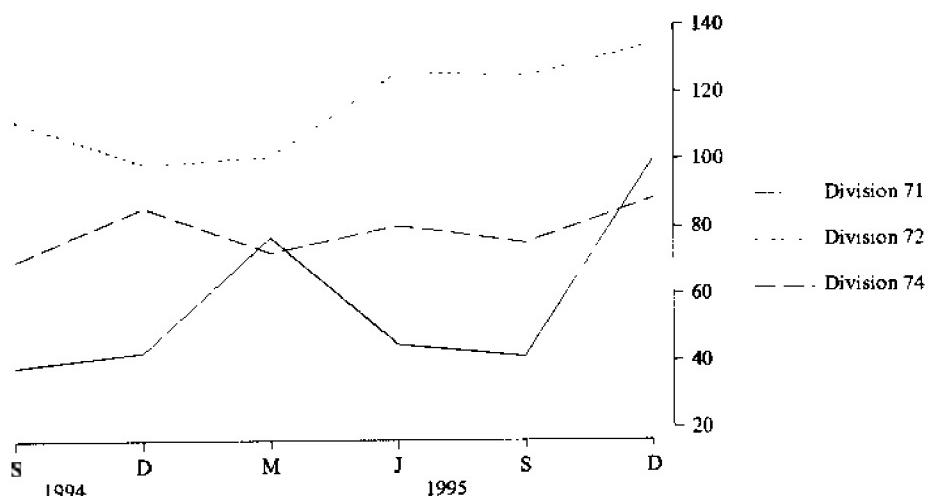
Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

7.1 IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION

Period	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
	(\$ million)				
Financial years					
1992-93	912.0	172.0	650.2	215.2	538.3
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.7	802.1
Quarters					
Sep 94	207.9	38.4	111.6	70.1	168.8
Dec 94	176.0	42.7	98.7	85.9	223.5
Mar 95	187.8	77.0	100.8	72.3	158.1
Jun 95	252.1	45.0	125.8	80.4	251.6
Sep 95	185.3	41.4	124.7	75.2	212.6
Dec 95	186.2	99.9	134.5	88.4	212.8

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



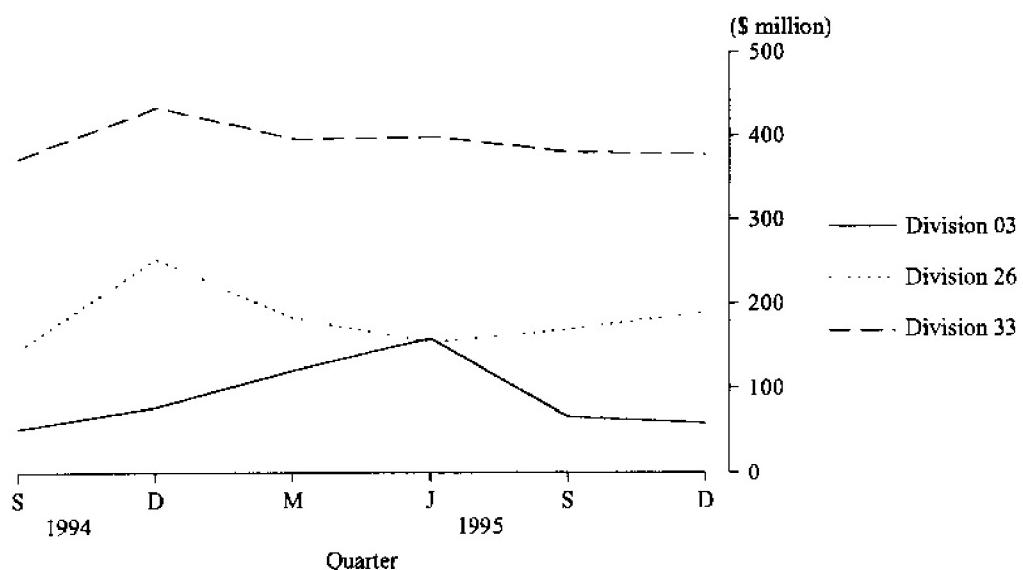
Source: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

7.2 EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

Period	03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc	04 Cereals and cereal/ preparations	26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)	28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc.
(\$ million)					
Financial years					
1992-93	359.0	1 294.9	611.4	3 261.1	967.0
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
Quarters					
Sep 94	51.9	255.5	144.5	723.2	372.3
Dec 94	77.4	292.0	252.6	727.9	434.2
Mar 95	120.7	323.4	182.0	752.4	396.4
Jun 95	158.7	283.4	154.1	890.6	398.8
Sep 95	66.1	286.5	169.0	827.8	379.8
Dec 95	58.9	497.9	189.6	806.2	377.3

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS



Source: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

Analysis of Table 8.1

New Motor Vehicle Registrations showed a decrease of 25% from December 1995 to January 1996 reflected across all body types.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Cheryl Smith on (09) 360 5242

8.1 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS¹

Period	Western Australia				Total	Perth Statistical Division
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motor cycles and scooters		
Financial years						
1992-93	45 567	9 581	1 975	2 117	59 240	46 593
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	2 103	63 178	49 074
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	2 344	67 243	52 168
Months						
Dec 94	4 353	835	191	260	5 639	4 469
Jan 95	4 047	803	166	207	5 223	3 950
Feb 95	3 933	906	171	176	5 189	3 989
Mar 95	4 434	1 006	153	217	5 810	4 597
Apr 95	3 400	785	173	150	4 508	3 332
May 95	5 046	1 076	205	173	6 500	5 040
Jun 95	5 025	1 258	248	159	6 690	4 984
Jul 95	3 704	769	198	156	4 827	3 635
Aug 95	4 395	771	235	192	5 593	4 405
Sep 95	4 021	738	209	187	5 155	4 119
Oct 95	4 111	812	175	201	5 299	4 136
Nov 95	4 595	945	247	365	6 148	4 887
Dec 95	4 308	884	207	209	5 608	4 249
Jan 96	3 178	692	140	174	4 184	3 041

¹ Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Reference: Unpublished statistics

Analysis of Table 8.2

The trend levels across body types reflect decreases consistent with the drop in overall new motor vehicle registrations in January 1996.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Cheryl Smith on (09) 360 5242

8.2 VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS¹

Period	Passenger Vehicles		Other Vehicles		Total	Trend estimate
	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate		
Months						
Dec 94	4 353	4 307	1 026	1 077	5 379	5 384
Jan 95	4 047	4 292	969	1 079	5 016	5 371
Feb 95	3 933	4 306	1 077	1 081	5 010	5 387
Mar 95	4 434	4 341	1 159	1 087	5 593	5 428
Apr 95	3 400	4 376	958	1 099	4 358	5 475
May 95	5 046	4 381	1 281	1 110	6 327	5 491
Jun 95	5 025	4 340	1 270	1 114	6 531	5 434
Jul 95	3 704	4 284 r	967	1 108 r	4 671	5 392 r
Aug 95	4 395	4 223 r	1 006	1 094 r	5 401	5 317 r
Sep 95	4 021	4 159 r	947	1 073 r	4 968	5 232 r
Oct 95	4 111	4 112 r	987	1 057 r	5 098	5 169 r
Nov 95	4 595	4 072 r	1 192	1 048 r	5 787	5 120 r
Dec 95	4 308	4 220 r	1 091	1 040 r	5 399	5 060 r
Jan 96	3 178	3 964	832	1 038	4 010	5 002

¹ Other vehicles excludes motor cycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Reference: Unpublished statistics

9.1 PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS (ORIGINAL SERIES) (REVISED)

Period	Selected Industry			<i>Total</i> Original	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>		
	Mining	Manu- facturing	Other selected industries				
(\$ million)							
Financial Years							
1993-94	3 624	517	1 813	5 954	5 923		
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 819		
Quarters							
Jun 94	903	119	571	1 592	1 628		
Sep 94	840	98	383	1 321	1 341		
Dec 94	1 172	154	894	2 220	1 950		
Mar 95	1 007	133	452	1 592	1 770		
Jun 95	1 027	209	487	1 724	1 757		
Sep 95	1 041	205	577	1 823	1 877		

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

Analysis of Table 9.2

GSP grew 1.8% in the September quarter, to be 6.5% higher than in September quarter 1994. Growth in wages, salaries and supplements was lower than in recent quarters, rising 1.3% in the September quarter, following an increase of 1.8% in June quarter 1995. Indirect taxes less subsidies grew 1.6% in the September quarter, after falling 0.1% in March quarter 1995 and rising 1.0% in June quarter 1995.

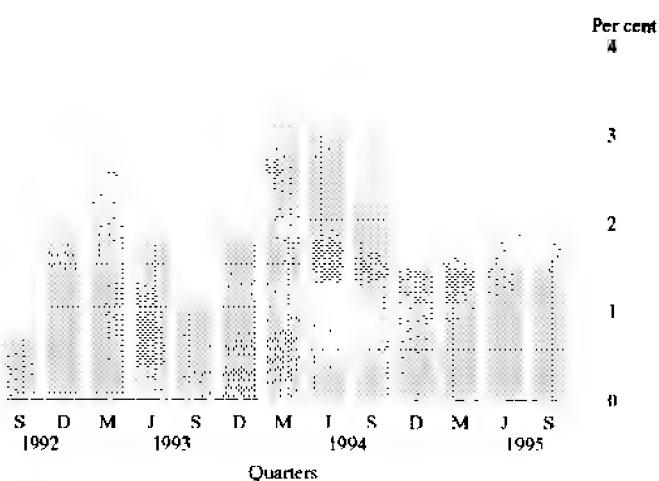
For more information about this table, call Vic Nowotny (09) 360 5333

9.2 STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	Wages salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
(\$ million)				
Quarters				
Mar 93	4 606	4 916	1 073	10 595
Jun 93	4 751	4 914	1 105	10 770
Sep 93	4 884	4 846	1 134	10 864
Dec 93	4 979	4 843	1 178	11 000
Mar 94	5 030	4 994	1 241	11 265
Jun 94	5 061	5 187	1 312	11 560
Sep 94	5 101	5 289	1 351	11 741
Dec 94	5 185	5 314	1 356	11 855
Mar 95	5 300	5 394	1 355	12 049
Jun 95	5 394	5 513	1 369	12 276
Sep 95	5 463	5 645	1 391	12 499

Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(A) - TREND
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



(A) Gross State Product at current prices

Source: State Accounts 5242.0

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	Unit	Western Australia		Change from one year ago (%)		
			Current Australian figure	Current figure			
POPULATION							
Estimated resident population	Jun qtr 95	'000	18 054.0	1 731.7	0.4	1 701.1	1.8
Natural increase	Jun qtr 95	No.	34 193	3 757	-8.5	3 618	3.8
Net estimated migration gain	Jun qtr 95	No.	19 332	3 728	-35.5	2 179	71.1
TOURISM							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Sep qtr 95	'000	8 075.0	588.8	12.9	592.8	-0.7
Guest rooms available	Sep qtr 95	No.	168 912	14 720	-0.2	14 733	-0.1
Room occupancy rates	Sep qtr 95	%	59.9	61.1	6.4	60.4	1.2
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Long-term Arrivals	Sep qtr 95	No.	20 400	2 640	101.5	2 080	26.9
Short-term Arrivals	Sep qtr 95	No.	903 200	74 000	-0.3	73 600	0.5
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Long-term Departures	Sep qtr 95	No.	17 000	1 760	-3.8	1 750	0.6
Short-term Departures	Sep qtr 95	No.	685 700	82 800	17.3	84 200	-1.7
EMPLOYMENT							
Employed persons (Trend)	Feb 96	'000	8 339.4	828.8	0.0	822.6	0.8
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Original)	Feb 96	'000	856.6	78.9	2.7	78.9	0.0
Looking for work (Trend)	Feb 96	'000	763.7	71.1	1.6	66.9	6.3
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Original	Feb 96	%	64.0	66.7	1.7	66.8	-1.5
Trend	Feb 96	%	63.8	66.2	0.0	66.8	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Original	Feb 96	%	9.4	8.7	1.2	8.9	-2.2
Trend	Feb 96	%	8.4	7.9	1.3	7.5	5.3
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Nov 95	\$	761.60	792.20	2.1	758.00	4.5
Females	Nov 95	\$	596.00	574.40	1.0	538.40	6.7
Persons	Nov 95	\$	702.90	713.10	1.5	676.90	5.4
All employees total earnings	Nov 95	\$	554.30	548.40	0.7	538.80	1.8
<i>Average weekly overtime hours</i>							
Per employee	Nov 95	hours	1.1	1.3	4.3	1.7	-21.3
Per employee working overtime	Nov 95	hours	6.9	8.2	2.4	8.5	-4.5
Employees working overtime	Nov 95	%	16.6	16.4	1.8	19.9	-17.6
<i>Industrial disputes in progress (working days lost)</i>							
Total	Dec 95	'000	10.2	0.2	-87.5	4.4	-95.4
Per 1000 employees year ended	Dec 95	days	79.0	150.0	-4.5	42.0	257.1
RETAIL							
<i>Monthly Retail Turnover</i>							
Original	Dec 95	\$m	13 270.3	1 367.4	28.2	1 266.2	8.0
Trend estimate	Dec 95	\$m	10 033.2	1 035.8	0.5	950.8	8.9
Consumer Price Index	Dec 95	Index No.	118.5	116.3	0.6	111.0	4.8

10.1 STATISTICAL SUMMARY continued

Indicator	Period	Unit	Western Australia		Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago (%)
			Current Australian figure	Current figure			
CONSTRUCTION							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Jan 96	No.	8 304	1 241	24.7	1 535	-19.2
Value of all building	Jan 96	\$m	1 757.6	236.2	60.1	182.5	29.0
<i>Building Commencements</i>							
Dwelling Units	Jun qtr 95	No.	35 647	4 642	-5.1	6 744	-31.2
Value of all building	Jun qtr 95	\$m	6 040.6	653.2	5.8	731.4	-10.7
<i>Total Building</i>							
Value of work done during	Jun qtr 95	\$m	5 995.1	669.7	-3.8	750.9	-10.8
Value of work yet to be done	Jun qtr 95	\$m	7 918.6	642.2	-0.7	734.9	-12.6
<i>Engineering Construction</i>							
Value of work commenced	Sep qtr 95	\$m	5 076.4	947.4	93.5	365.6	159.0
Value of work done during	Sep qtr 95	\$m	3 312.7	511.3	7.0	341.4	50.0
Value of work yet to be done	Sep qtr 95	\$m	6 315.4	1 177.8	11.9	775.7	51.9
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Sep qtr 95	Index No.	116.6	114.3	0.9	110.2	3.7
Project Homes	Sep qtr 95	Index No.	108.7	100.8	0.4	98.8	2.0
Sales of established houses	Sep qtr 95	Index No.	112.4	109.7	0.5	106.4	3.1
MINERAL EXPLORATION							
Gold	Jun qtr 95	\$m	158.6	108.2	36.1	90.2	19.9
Other minerals	Jun qtr 95	\$m	86.0	27.1	1.1	33.2	-18.4
OVERSEAS TRADE							
Imports	Feb 96	\$m	6 204.5	559.8	7.0	438.4	27.7
Exports	Jan 95	\$m	5 537.2	1 600.1	-7.5	1 290.4	24.0
TRANSPORT							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 96	No.	37 434	3 178	-22.2	4 047	-1.4
Trend	Jan 96	No.	43 527	3 964	-6.1	4 292	-5.9
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 96	No.	44 441	4 010	13.5	5 016	-20.1
Trend	Jan 96	No.	51 909	5 002	1.1	5 371	-6.9
FINANCE							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Sep qtr 95	\$m	8 614	1 823	5.7	1 321	38.0
Seasonally adjusted	Sep qtr 95	\$m	8 802	1 877	6.8	1 341	40.0
<i>Gross State Product (income based)</i>							
Current prices	Sep qtr 95	\$m	116 382	12 243	4.9	11 689	4.7
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